



BATTLE: Courtney

£11m a Hole lot to lose

ROCK star Courtney Love has revealed how she turned to drugs because her fortune disappeared.

The 42-year-old widow of Nirvana legend Kurt Cobain – who owns the rights to his music – lost £11million, which she claims was stolen by aides.

She admitted it made her so miserable she "got a habit", adding: "It was just bad. And drugs are cheap. I didn't blow the money on drugs. Drugs are relatively cheap when you talk about millions of dollars."

The ex-Hole frontwoman is waiting for the results of an FBI probe into what happened to her cash.

She added: "Other people are watching my money now. I'm pretty much not allowed to touch it."

A DODGY DRIVER

TERENCE Burke, 50, of Middleton, Manchester, has been jailed after he dodged four speeding tickets by claiming a pal was driving.

Dear Dad, I haven't been blown up yet



TRAGIC SQUADDIE'S LAST LETTER

■ by JOHN MAHONEY

A YOUNG soldier killed in Iraq had just sent a letter home saying: "I haven't been blown up yet."

Brave Jamie Hancock, 19, was only two weeks into a six-month tour of duty.

And his letter home also revealed he was heading to a base camp in Basra later that day – which "gets attacked most nights and mortared a lot".

BUSY

The kingsman in the Duke of Lancaster Regiment, pictured left, died two days ago on sentry patrol.

It was 10 days earlier that he sent his poignant letter home to dad Eddie, 60, and stepmum Rose in Wigan, Lancs.

He read: "Just writing to let you know I am fine, not been blown up yet!!"

"Getting used to the weather – it is hot – and it's only winter."

"Hope you are okay, time is moving pretty fast, I am always busy. Hope you

are getting a tan back in England, ha ha. The place where I am going gets attacked most nights and mortared a lot."

"Write back so I know how you are. Lots of love Jamie. XX"

Last night his dad Eddie slammed conditions for British troops in Iraq

and demanded immediate withdrawal.

He said: "The politicians in this country are the reason my son is dead."

"In his wallet was a picture of the Queen. It shows his true character."

"It is about time Tony Blair pulled British troops out of Iraq."



POIGNANT: Jamie's letter to dad Eddie, right

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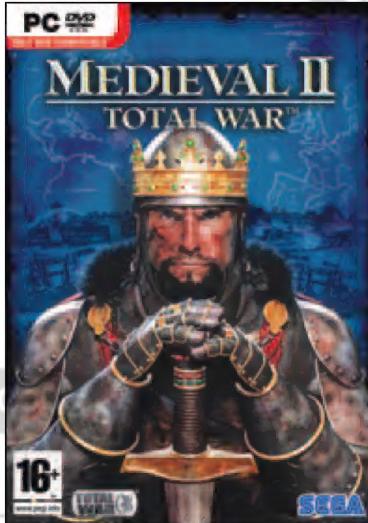


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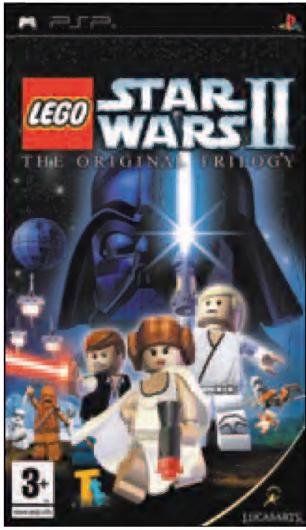


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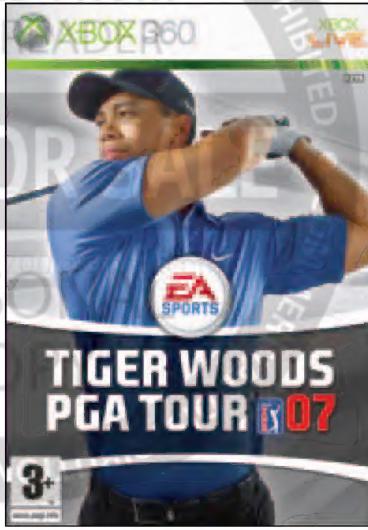


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Shoppers go wild as top designers flog off catwalk bargains

TRENCHCOAT WARFARE

■ by JAMES WICKHAM
FASHION fans mobbed the shops yesterday when word got out that a top label was flogging catwalk collections at rock-bottom prices.

Crowds of frantic women stormed in to grab the gear by Viktor and Rolf.

And in amazing scenes, shoppers even staged a tug-of-war over a trendy trenchcoat.

Celebs

Dutch duo Viktor and Rolf are famed for dressing celebs including singers Gwen Stefani, 37, and Kylie Minogue, 38, and actress Cate Blanchett, 37. A limited number of trench-

coats, skirts, dresses and even wedding dresses were up for grabs at H&M stores across the country – at prices ranging from £35 to £220 instead of the usual five-figure price tags.

Scuffles broke out as shop-

pers fought over the bargains. Londoner Jenny Matthews, 36, said after emerging from H&M in Bond Street: "It was mad. The crowd was so overwhelming. There was

literally, a tug-of-war over a trenchcoat."

Yesterday a spokeswoman for the high street chain admitted staff had been overwhelmed by the demand.

And just one day after they went on sale, some branches had already sold out of most of the limited-edition designs.

Viktor and Rolf's bargains were up for grabs in H&M stores in London, Newcastle,

Birmingham, Nottingham, Newcastle – and Stockholm in Sweden.

Viktor Horsting said: "We have been lucky and worked hard to reach the high end of fashion, while H&M is at the other, cheaper end.

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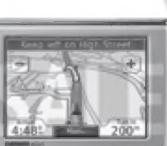
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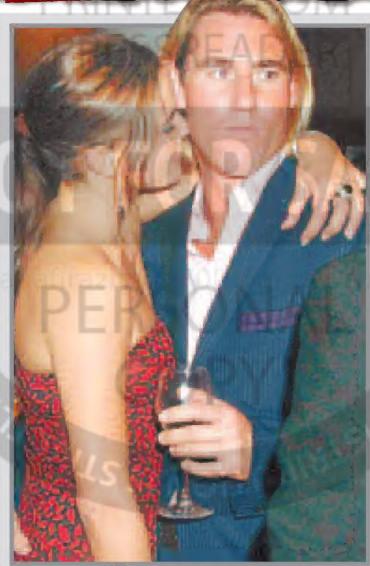
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The troubled beauty said "it's not happening" in the bedroom with Crystal Palace chairman Simon Jordan, 39, pictured with Sophie above.

Reality TV regular Sophie, 29, blames her frantic schedule on Sky One's Cirque de Celebrities, showing on Sunday at 7pm, and her boyfriend's busy lifestyle for her lack of satisfaction. "It's frustrating," she said.

**SIMON'S
OUT FOR
REVENGE****EXCLUSIVE**

■ by MARK JEFFERIES
SIMON Cowell is plotting to get his own back on Louis Walsh.

Mr Nasty has vowed to get one of Walsh's acts booted off The X Factor if they fall in the bottom two.

He is still furious with fellow judge Louis, 54, for kicking off 20-year-old Ashley McKenzie. Last night, Cowell, 47, fumed: "Let's just say I'm going to deal with Louis this weekend."

Insults

But Louis is not running scared. He told ITV2's X Factor: The Aftermath show: "I don't care what he says, Simon will not win the competition this year."

The pair have not patched up their differences since Saturday's bust-up, when Walsh enraged Cowell with gay insults.

An insider said: "This row could run and run."

Meanwhile, Walsh' act The MacDonald Brothers are rehearsing extra hard in a bid to please fiercest critic Cowell.

● **The X Factor is on ITV1 tomorrow at 6.35pm.**

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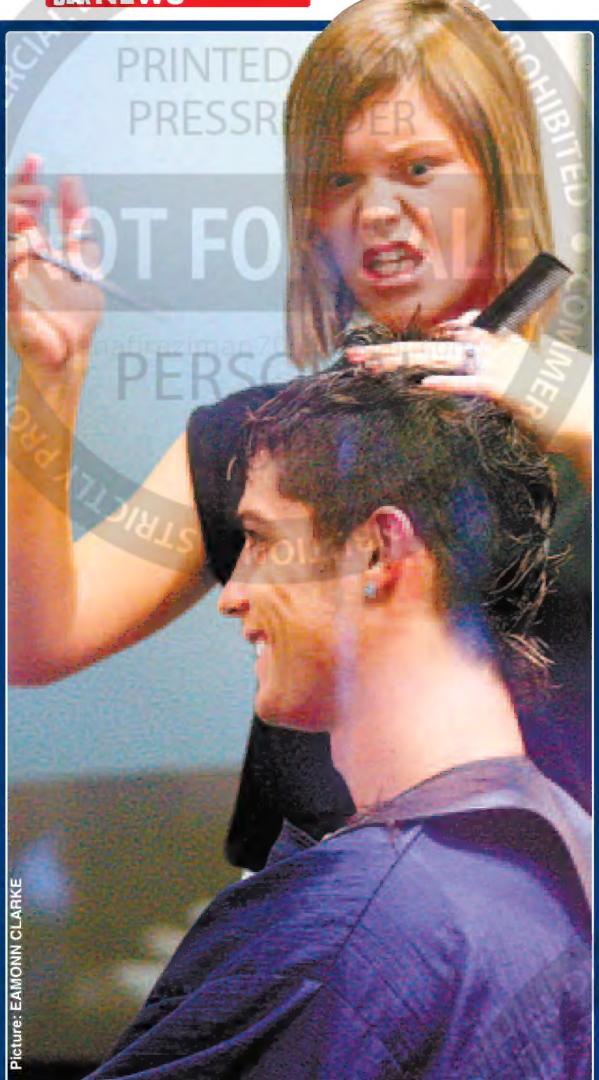
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Off your 'ead son

■ PRETTY boy Cristiano Ronaldo still reckons he's a cut above – despite Manchester United's Carling Cup humiliation. The World Cup winker, 21, tried to get over the 1-0 defeat by visiting a Manchester hair salon.

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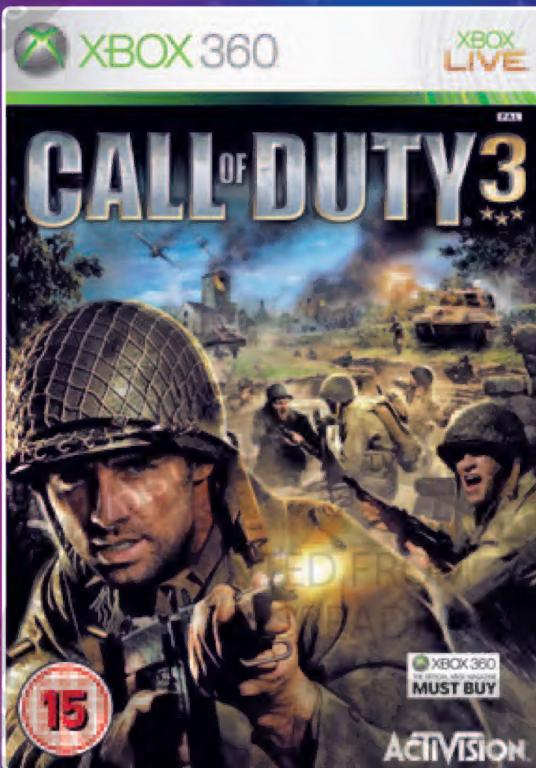
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McFly gettin' into the spirit

HERE is a McFly struggling with a shot of something strong. I think it's Tom. They were signing stuff at G-A-Y Bar's fourth birthday. I'm not printing pics of them signing women's breasts. They weren't nice breasts.



G-A-Y DAY: Tom

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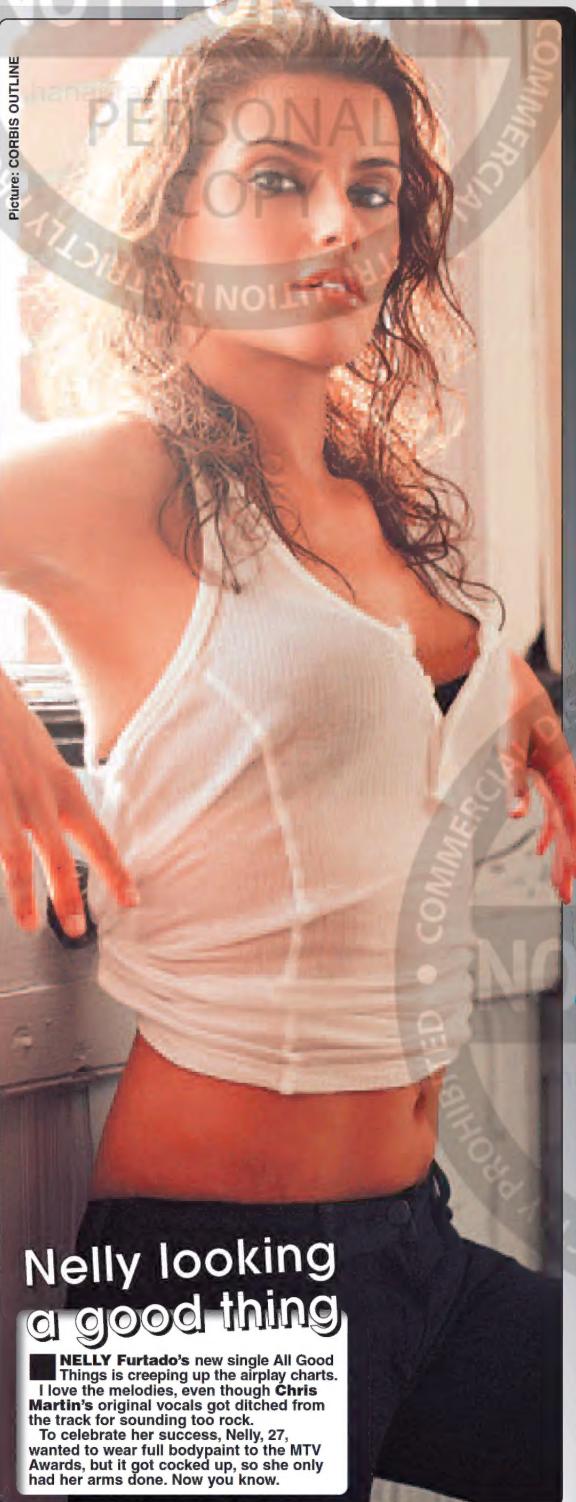


BLOG

BRITNEY and fit ex-birds are the topic of the day in the new blog. www.dailystar.co.uk/blog where I keep it and you will also find older blogs with all manner of hilarious celeb observations there. It's sexy.

ME

Picture: CORBIS OUTLINE



Nelly looking a good thing

NELLY Furtado's new single All Good Things is creeping up the airplay charts. I love the melodies, even though **Chris Martin's** original vocals got ditched from the track for sounding too rock.

To celebrate her success, Nelly, 27, wanted to wear full bodypaint to the MTV Awards, but it got cocked up, so she only had her arms done. Now you know.

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ALBUM CLASH OF THE TITANS

It's oasis versus THE BEATLES

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FORGET the Britpop wars of a decade past. Noel and Liam are about to embark on the chart battle they've been hankering for their whole lives - Oasis v The Beatles.

The Burnage boys release their greatest hits collection Stop The Clocks on November 20 - the same day Love by the Fab Four hits shop shelves.

Legendary Beatles producer Sir George Martin, 80, and his son Giles, 37, have remixed some of the Scouse foursome's very finest treasures for the new collection.

The Gallaghers have made no bones about their slavish adoration of the works of John, Paul, George and Ringo and will be watching their first week sales figures particularly closely.

And let's not forget - the last high-profile chart scrap Oasis were involved in ended in their defeat.

Heroes

In 1995 Blur famously brought forward the release of their Country House single so it would be in direct competition with Oasis's Roll With It.

The Southern lads relegated Oasis to No2. It proved a Pyrrhic victory, mind, with Blur crumbling as Damon, 38, sought refuge in numerous side projects while the Gallaghers and their gang went on to become one of the biggest bands on the planet. And now

Noel and Liam are hoping they can pull off the ultimate triumph - by beating their heroes to the top spot.

Noel once said: "The Beatles are the be-all and end-all."

"Where it starts and where it finishes."

"Everything we do is inspired by The Beatles and our ambition is to go where we want to."

Whereas Liam modestly added: "Our band is hugely gifted. We are geniuses. "Musical history is simply Elvis Presley, The Beatles, The Sex Pistols and Oasis. That's it."

My spy tells me: "They lost out to Blur 10 years ago and are keen to avenge that defeat."



CAUGHT LIVE

SCOTT MATTHEWS Union Chapel, London

SCOTT Matthews' debut album Passing Stranger is a work of delicate beauty.

Nimbly-plucked guitars ride Indian ragas while the ghost of Led Zep's more pastoral blues rock is revived for a new century.

Scott cuts a lonely, nervous-looking figure. His strumming and singing however are full of a marked confidence.

Album highlights like Dream Song and Elusive are mesmeric in their intensity with extravagant axe-work complementing his singular singing style admirably. I say singing, it's more of a groan. A plaintive heart-broken howl at the moon. Splendid.

CARL STROUD

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Jen's real Keane

UNLIKELY hook-up of the month award must go to Jenson Button and the Keane boys.

The cheery racing driver, 26, became matey with Tim Rice-Oxley, 30, and Tom Chaplin, 27, after last week's MTV Europe Music Awards. My man at an

aftershow party I didn't go to said: "They got on like a house on fire."

He offered to give them both lessons in an F1 car.

I predict it was just pissed talk and will never happen, but the group parted having swapped numbers.

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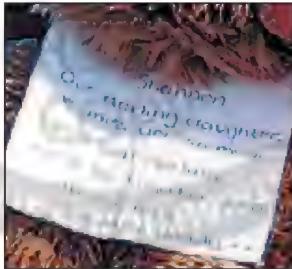
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TRIBUTES: Toys at the school gates yesterday, including one with a message from her parents, right

CHILDREN watched and wept as school dinner ladies fought in vain to save tragic Shannon Hennessey.

The six-year-old had staggered across the dining hall fighting for air after a lump of sausage stuck in her throat.

Dinner staff frantically patted the child's back to try to dislodge it and one staff member performed the Heimlich manoeuvre.

Paramedics arrived and desperately tried to revive her but a chunk of food

had been sucked into her lungs, meaning all bids to save her were in vain.

Shannon was pronounced dead shortly after arriving at hospital.

Shaking

Her heartbroken grandad Tony Barrett said last night: "We are satisfied everything possible was done."

"Shannon was loved by everybody. My daughter is distraught at the loss of her beautiful little girl."

The tragedy happened at Redhill

Infants' School, near Shannon's home in Castleford, West Yorkshire.

A mum of one of the pupils said: "The children saw Shannon shaking. It has badly affected them all."

Yesterday Shannon's mum Toni Barrett, 24, left a large brown teddy bear at the school with the message: "Shannon. Our darling daughter. We miss you so much. Sleep well darling. We'll be together soon. All our love. Mummy and Daddy."

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Gardening conmen caught by gaffe

■ by OLIVIA MATTHEWS

A GANG of bogus tree surgeons was caught out when one of them offered to prune a telegraph pole.

The three travellers charged pensioners huge amounts of cash for small gardening jobs.

But the conmen were rumbled when gang member Albert Bowers offered to prune a "poplar tree" – which was a telegraph pole. When

police raided the gang's caravan they found £225,530 in cash.

The court heard one victim was charged £2,750 for 45 minutes' work to remove a tree and treat the stump.

Another was charged £60 just to have his holly bush trimmed.

Stephen Parish, prosecuting, told

Winchester Crown Court, Hants: "They would exploit victims when they sensed vulnerability or old age."

Bowers, 46, from Southampton; Edward Smith, 36, from Newton Abbot, and Maurice Smith, 37, from Basingstoke, were found guilty of

conspiracy to defraud and damage

property over work they carried out at 24 homes across the south-east between 1997 and 2004.

Bowers' wife Margaret, 40, the banker for the operation, was also convicted of conspiracy to defraud. All will be sentenced next month.

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Becks takes the biscuit!

■ IT LOOKS like Real ace David Beckham had a sudden snack attack in Madrid. The ex-England captain dashed into a shop for biccies. Becks, 31, needs the extra calories for his tough training. Plus it will give him something to chew on as he sits on the subs' bench.

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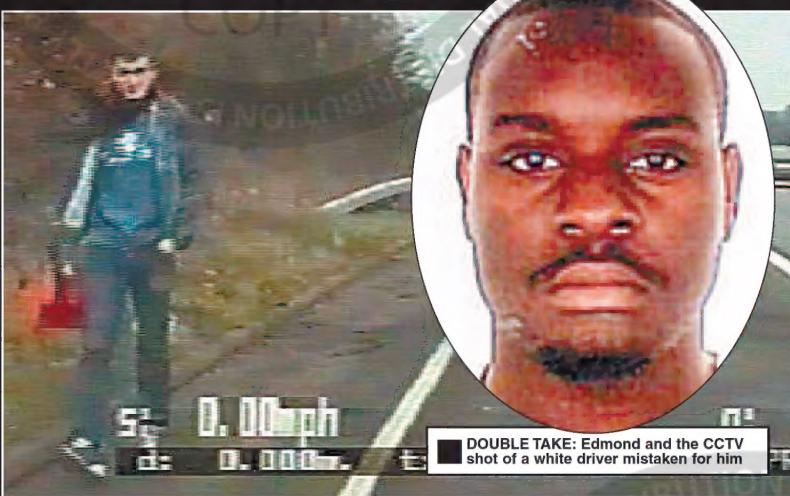
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Colour-blind court bans black driver

A BLACK driver was convicted for reversing down a motorway, despite CCTV images proving the culprit was WHITE.

Stunned father-of-two Edmond Taylor found himself with a year's ban, even though he had never been near the spot.

But it took a judge only minutes to clear him after studying a giant freeze-frame CCTV shot of the white driver at the moment he was nabbed.

Stolen

Furious judge John Crocker immediately ordered a full investigation into the prosecutors' cock-up and overturned the ban and a £430 fine.

"I think it is totally disgraceful," he said at Guildford Crown Court, Surrey. "Why has this only come to light today?"

"I take it nobody knew that this video existed? I want a full explanation as to how this occurred and I want it within three weeks," he fumed.

The blunder came when police spotted

■ by CAMERON MILLAR

a Vauxhall Corsa reversing along the hard shoulder of the M23 near Redhill, Surrey.

The white driver gave his name as Edmond Taylor, and handed over documents – but the car turned out to be stolen.

Meanwhile, the real Edmond had also been stopped during routine checks and it was he who was summoned.

Worried Edmond, 25, of Bermondsey, south London, was warned he would lose his job as a cash handler for a security firm if he was found guilty.

A court convicted him, but he appealed. And when the officer who made the arrest walked into the appeal court, he immediately said: "That's not him – it's a white man."

Edmond's lawyer Ronald Layne said after the case: "To put it quite bluntly, it was a massive cock-up by the Crown Prosecution Service."

A spokesman for the prosecutors said: "We are looking into exactly what happened in this case and will be supplying the judge with a report."

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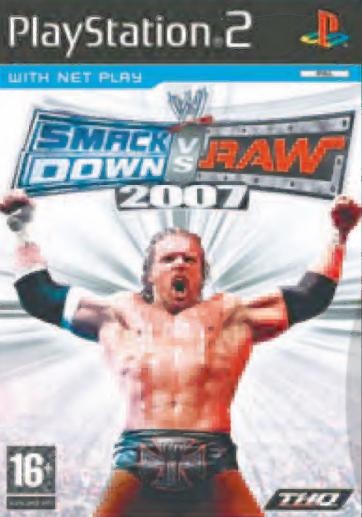
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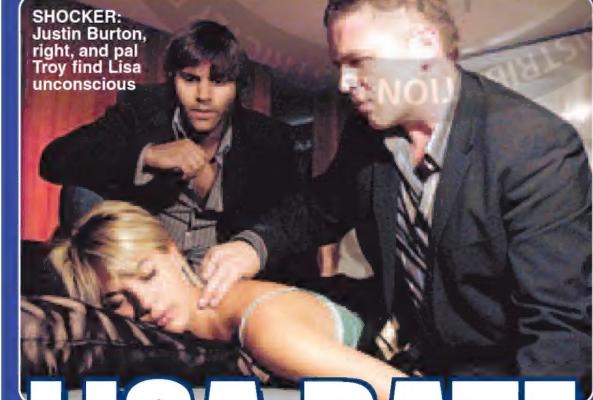


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LISA DATE RAPE HELL

Fiends pounce at drug bash

HOLLYOAKS

SEXY Lisa Hunter will be brutally raped in Hollyoaks spin-off In The City's most explicit scenes yet.

Lisa (Gemma Atkinson, 22) is attacked by two strangers after overdosing on ecstasy at a celebrity underwear party.

She goes to the showbiz bash to let off steam and strips down to her undies along with the rest of the partygoers.

It's not long before she is necking loads of champagne – and then she pops one too many ecstasy tablets in a stupid effort to get as high as a kite.

Before she knows it, Lisa is led to a private room where she is savagely raped by two men. She is powerless to stop them because of the drugs.

A Hollyoaks insider said: "It is harrowing stuff which will leave fans of

the show shocked. When they see Lisa get into trouble they'll be screaming at their TVs."

After Justin Burton (Chris Fountain, 19) discovers which party former hooker Lisa has gone to, he realises she must be in trouble and races round to save her.

Wicked

The source added: "As he storms in he catches the two guys having their wicked way and pulls them off her."

"But he's shocked when he realises she is not breathing."

"Fans will be kept guessing whether she survives or not."

● *Hollyoaks: In The City* is on E4 on Monday at 9pm.

BOOZED JASMINE NICKED

EMMERDALE

TEENAGER Jasmine Thomas is nabbed by the police when she's caught steaming drunk in the Woolpack.

The troubled babe (Jenna-Louise Coleman, 20) and her pal Eli Dingle (Joseph Gilgun, 22) hit the local to drown their sorrows. A source said: "Before she realises it she's totally off her face and is stunned when cops cuff her for being drunk and disorderly."

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LESSON: Guilty Les
Sly Cilla taking the pea

EXCLUSIVE by JOHN MAHONEY
LAYABOUT Les Battersby could be spending Christmas morning on the cobbles ... in a bath full of mushy peas. It's his wife Cilla's revenge for Les's one-night

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stand with her best pal Yana Lumb. Cilla (Wendi Peters, 38) pretends her breast condition is fatal and Les must raise cash so she can swim with dolphins before she dies.

Guilty Les (Bruce Jones, 53) and Yana (Jayne Tumcliffe, 38) both agree to the peas stunt.

But an insider said: "Sponsors soon rumble that they have been conned."



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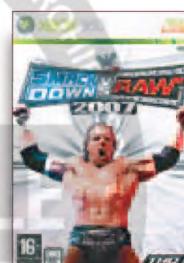
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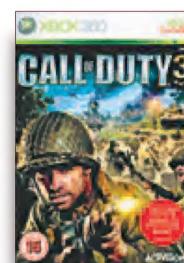
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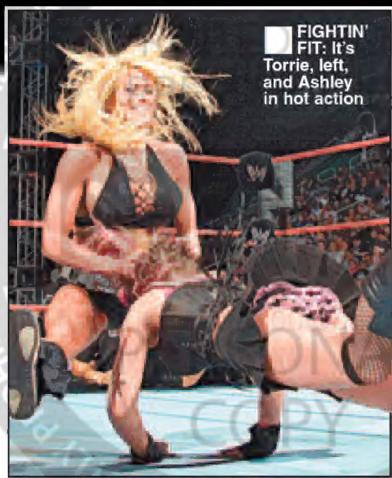
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FIGHTIN' FIT: It's
Torrie, left,
and Ashley
in hot action

THEY LOOK LIKE SUPERMODELS... BUT THESE

THESE cute honeys from America are causing havoc all over the UK right now – and not just with their looks. The girls with the supermodel style are really the star attractions of WWE Wrestling.

The gorgeous grapplers are currently twisting each other in half nelsons across the country as part of the WWE Survivor Series Tour. This sees them pin each other to the canvas in such places as Glasgow, Dublin,

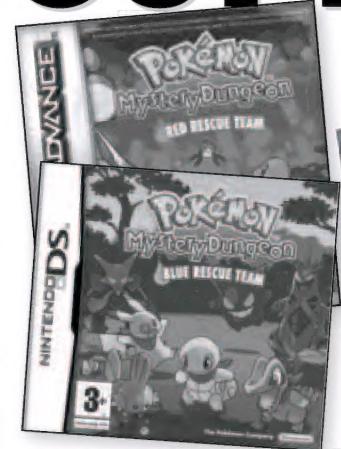
By PHIL BOUCHER

Manchester and Birmingham. And there's a bonus for fans when the girls hit Manchester on Monday – Daily Star Page 3 favourites

Malene, 25, and Claire Andrisani, 21, will be livening up the ringside. Wrestling addicts can get to grips with the action by tuning into exclusive Sky Box Office coverage of Survivor Series pay per view on November 26.

So to whet your appetite we've got the low-down on the five raunchiest rumblers in the show. One thing's for sure: there's not a Big Daddy lookalike in sight. For more info see www.wwe.com

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Ashley

Age: 22

From: New York

Career highlight: The blonde beauty won the 2005 Raw Dive search and soon stripped down to her lacy underwear to win a four-way Bra and Panties Match against fierce rival Kristal.

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